(c) to (e) From the list of qualified candidates, five have so far been appointed as Stenographers. Ten other candidates have been sent offers of appointment and are expected to join shortly. The remaining 14 candidates will be given the offer of appointment on the completion of the requisite administrative formalities, which are in proigress.

Allotment of Departmental Accoaunoda-tion in DAE

8135. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employe es of the Department of Atomic Energy planned and observed a day's dharna recently in front of the office of th© Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission at Bombay in protest against the arbitrary, tmilateral and illegal amendment to the allotment rules for derarlmental accommodation;

(b) if So, what is the reaction of Go-vernment thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to avert this situation and to concede to the reasonable demands of the employees of the Department of Atomic Energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH, CHATURVEDI): (a) On 19-4-95 SORE employees of the Depart-" ment of Atmic Energy organised one day dharna in front of Department of Atomic Energy Sesretariat at Bombay from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. which was peaceful. The main demand was withdrawal of the Office Memorandum which was issued by the Department of Atomic Energy on 29.3.19195 amending certain provisions of existing Allotment of Government Residences (DAE) Bombay Rules, 1982.

(b) and (c) The offic-, memoranda dated 29.3.95' and 10.4.95 amending existing provisions of Allotment of gov-emment Residences (DAE) Bombay Rules, 1982 issued by the Pppartmoit of Atomic Energy were put on a temporary hold and the various Associations Unions have been requested to furnish their comments by 31.5.1995.

Uraninm Processing in Meghalaya

8136. DR. B. B. DUTTA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstaned Question 588 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th March, 1995 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Uranium including Thorium-234 found at three! different locations in Meghalaya is being processed to produce sizeable quantity of yellow cake;

(b) whether in view of the largo and valuable deposits of Uraninm in Meghalaya, Government would formulate a time bound scheme for its proper exploitation with the involvement of Uranium Corporation of India;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ensure adequate security to the Mining operationls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) No, Sir. Presently,no processing for uranixmi and thorium is being carried out in Meghalaya.

(b) and (c) The Uranium Corporation of India Limited, a Public Sector Under taking of the Department of Atomic Energy has been entrusted with the res ponsibility of preparing a Detailed Pro ject Report for the setting up of a project for the mining and milling pf uranium pre in the Domiasiat area of Meghalaya.

(d) Security arrangements have been tightened, lt is not in the piiblio 'interest to reveal the details d the arrasge- mets.